

Mr. DOMENICI. Parliamentary inquiry, is it appropriate that I speak for 2 minutes?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, later on, pursuant to the wishes of our leader, I will have much more to say about Reverend Halverson. I considered him to be one of my best friends in the whole world, but more than that, he cared for a lot of people. He was a true Chaplain, not just up here, but in the Halls and byways and offices of this place with families, with people who work for the Senate from the lowest paid to the highest paid. He took care of them.

He was very, very sick, particularly the last 3 weeks. I talked to his wife, Doris, this morning, his son Steven. Chris, his other son, was not there. It is kind of wonderful to see their expressions, because they obviously believe and they are very, very confident he is very happy today and that he is in everlasting life. That is marvelous to see, because that is just the way he would want their faith to be.

So not only to that family, but to all his large family here and everywhere in this city, and other places that he served, I think I can join with all of them in saying very simply that we thank God Almighty for sending people like Dr. Halverson to us.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CHAFEE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

A CONSTANT GOOD EXAMPLE—DR. RICHARD HALVERSON

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I think the words that we "celebrate the life of Richard Halverson" are appropriate. Richard Halverson, as has been pointed out, served as Chaplain here for 16 years.

As has been mentioned, he did not restrict his duties to just the opening prayer. He came to see us when we had difficulties. He was a constant mentor, as has previously been suggested, and a constant good example. He epitomized what leading the Christian life is all about.

So we have been blessed to have known him. His life is one we all should celebrate and try to emulate to the greatest extent possible. So to all of his family, we send our very best wishes at this extremely difficult time, and our deepest condolences.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE] is recognized.

OUR LIVES WERE ENRICHED BY DR. RICHARD HALVERSON

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I join in the statements that have been

made here this morning and say that our lives have been so enriched by Dr. Halverson. He was the U.S. Senate Chaplain, but he was a friend of the Senators of this institution.

In our roles, so often we need to have that camaraderie, that facilitator that can help us in finding that higher wisdom and the inner peace. Richard Halverson provided that to us. I know now that he has that inner peace, and we share, as has been stated in the blessings, having him as part of our lives here.

Our prayers are with him, as well as with Doris, Chris, and all of the family. We thank the Lord for providing him to us.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, briefly, I advise my colleagues that, as indicated, we will begin consideration of S. 1316, the Safe Drinking Water Act. It is also possible that during today's session the Senate will consider the VA-HUD appropriations conference report, if it is received from the House. I think it is fair to say that we will have roll-call votes. I understand that Senator CHAFEE will be indicating there are a number of amendments. Some will require rollcalls.

We hope to complete action on the Safe Drinking Water Act, if not late today, by some time late afternoon tomorrow. At that time, I hope to announce the schedule for the remainder of the week. It may be that there may be a pro forma session only on Friday, or, if possible, we could take up additional conference reports if received from the House.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of S. 1316, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1316) to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 1316

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1995".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; references.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. State revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 4. Selection of contaminants; schedule.
- Sec. 5. Risk assessment, management, and communication.
- Sec. 6. Standard-setting; review of standards.
- Sec. 7. Arsenic.
- Sec. 8. Radon.
- Sec. 9. Sulfate.
- Sec. 10. Filtration and disinfection.
- Sec. 11. Effective date for regulations.
- Sec. 12. Technology and treatment techniques; technology centers.
- Sec. 13. Variances and exemptions.
- Sec. 14. Small systems; technical assistance.
- Sec. 15. Capacity development; finance centers.
- Sec. 16. Operator and laboratory certification.
- Sec. 17. Source water quality protection partnerships.
- Sec. 18. State primacy; State funding.
- Sec. 19. Monitoring and information gathering.
- Sec. 20. Public notification.
- Sec. 21. Enforcement; judicial review.
- Sec. 22. Federal agencies.
- Sec. 23. Research.
- Sec. 24. Definitions.
- Sec. 25. Ground water protection.
- Sec. 26. Lead plumbing and pipes; return flows.
- Sec. 27. Bottled water.
- Sec. 28. Assessing environmental priorities, costs, and benefits.
- Sec. 29. Other amendments.

(c) REFERENCES TO TITLE XIV OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act") (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.).

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) safe drinking water is essential to the protection of public health;

(2) because the requirements of title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act") (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) now exceed the financial and technical capacity of some public water systems, especially many small public water systems, the Federal Government needs to provide assistance to communities to help the communities meet Federal drinking water requirements;

(3) the Federal Government commits to take steps to foster and maintain a genuine partnership with the States in the administration and implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act;

(4) States play a central role in the implementation of safe drinking water programs, and States need increased financial resources and appropriate flexibility to ensure the prompt and effective development and implementation of drinking water programs;

(5) the existing process for the assessment and regulation of additional drinking water contaminants needs to be revised and improved to ensure that there is a sound scientific basis for drinking water regulations